

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's restriction requirement as to alkylamide compounds in the examiner's group VI and the examiner's group XI where the classification is in class 554. The applicant also traverses the examiner's restriction requirement as to polysiloxane compounds where silicon atoms are simply substituted for carbon atoms and the chemistry is the same (ie. covalent bonding, etc.).

The applicant has conditionally elected the examiner's group XI - claims drawn to carboxylic acid, ester and polyester-containing compounds and compositions.

The applicant has included independent claims containing alkylamides and polysiloxanes as well as claims without these groups. The applicant believes the esters of the present application derive their antibacterial, etc. properties from the bromo-nitro groups attached to a carbon atom. These properties appear with many different side groups R and R'.

The applicant originally paid for 13 independent claims. The currently amended number of independent claims is 7.

The applicant respectfully requests the examiner to
examine the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted

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